

ON WEST INDIAN REPTILES.

SCINCIDÆ.

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MABUIA SLOANII *Gray*, 1845.

Supranasals separated behind the rostral; parietals in contact behind the interparietal; two pairs of broad nuchals; four supraorbitals; four labials in front of the suborbital, sometimes five; scales smooth, in thirty rows around the body; fifty-four to fifty-five from chin to vent in the mesial row.

Jamaica.

MABUIA NITIDA, sp. n.

Supranasals in contact; parietals in contact; two pairs of nuchals; four supraorbitals, sometimes three; four supraciliaries; five labials in front of the suborbital, sometimes four; scales smooth, in thirty rows, sixty to sixty-three from chin to vent. Tail one and one-half times the length of head and body.

Olive, bronzed; a brownish band from nostril to hip is edged with an indistinct band of lighter above and below: a few, angular small spots of brown, with white lateral edges, on back and limbs.

Porto Rico; San Domingo.

MABUIA LUCIÆ, sp. n.

Supranasals in contact; parietals in contact; one to two pairs of nuchals; four supraorbitals: four labials in front

of the suborbital; scales striate, in thirty rows, sixty-six from chin to vent. Tail one and one-half times the length of body and head.

Olive, bronzed; nearly uniform brownish posteriorly; anteriorly with an irregular and broken band of brown from snout to shoulder; arm and neck to flank with dark-edged small spots of white; dark edges on the scales form obliquely transverse streaks on the back; dark lateral edges of the ventrals form longitudinal lines of brown from chin to tail.

St. Lucia.

MABUIA DOMINICANA, sp. n.

Supranasals separate; parietals in contact; nuchals one pair; four supraorbitals; four labials in front of the suborbital, sometimes five; scales rugose, in thirty to thirty-two rows, sixty-eight to seventy-two from chin to vent. Tail about one and two-thirds times as long as head and body.

Brownish-olive, bronzed; a dark band from snout to hip, edged above by a paler one and below by a white line that becomes indistinct backward; white beneath. Forward on young specimens the pale bands are white, and at the inner edge of each, on the back, there is a series of brown spots.

Dominica.

MABUIA MABOUIA, sp. *D. & B.*

Supranasals separate; parietals in contact; nuchals one pair; three supraorbitals; four labials in front of the suborbital, sometimes five; scales with faint striæ, in twenty-eight to thirty rows, sixty-three to sixty-five from chin to vent.

St. Pierre and Ft. de France, Martinique.

MABUIA AENEAE Gray, 1845.

Supranasals separate; parietals separate; nuchals one pair; four supraorbitals; five labials in front of the sub-orbital, sometimes four; scales feebly striate, in twenty-eight to thirty rows, fifty-four to fifty-eight from chin to vent.

St. Vincent; Grenada; Trinidad.

MABUIA AGILIS Radd.; Fitz.

Supranasals in contact; parietals in contact; nuchals one pair; four supraorbitals; four labials in front of sub-orbital; scales in thirty rows, striæ faint, fifty-four to fifty-six scales from chin to vent.

Rio Janeiro, Para and Villa Bella, Brazil.

MABUIA AURATA Schn.; Ptrs.

Supranasals usually separated; parietals in contact; nuchals one pair; four supraorbitals; four labials in front of the suborbital; scales smooth, in twenty-eight to thirty rows, fifty-eight to sixty-two from chin to vent.

Rio Janeiro and Goyaz, Brazil, to Turbo, Chagres River and Nicaragua on the Isthmus.

The specimens from which the foregoing notes have been taken are in the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Cambridge, Mass., U. S. A.